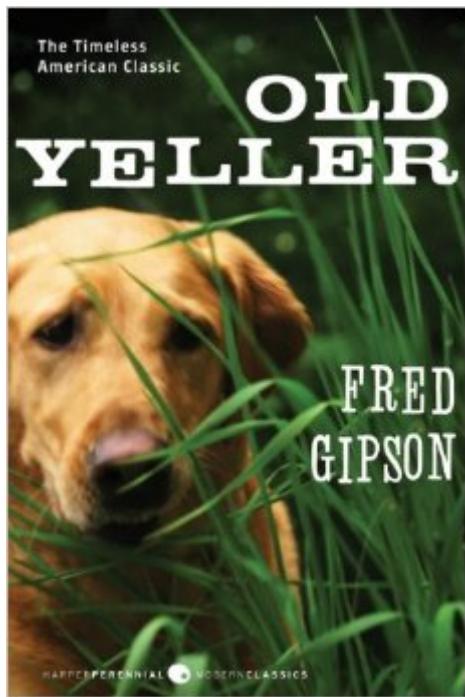


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# Old Yeller (Perennial Classics)



## **Synopsis**

When a novel like Huckleberry Finn, or The Yearling, comes along it defies customary adjectives because of the intensity of the response it evokes in the reader. Such a book, we submit, is Old Yeller; to read this eloquently simple story of a boy and his dog in the Texas hill country is an unforgettable and deeply moving experience.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 10 - 13 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'm a 7th grade teacher and I introduced my students to this novel for the first time this year. To my amazement they had never even heard of OLD YELLER. Now, middle school students can be the toughest audience in the world but THEY LOVED THIS BOOK. Author Fred Gipson perfectly captures the time period of Texas in the late 1800's and the challenges of daily life. Into the mix of chores and adventures on the farm is the universal bond of a boy and his dog. Travis and Old Yeller are two characters that any child will immediately connect with and grow to love. And naturally as many novels geared towards younger readers, the conclusion will remain with them long after the novel has been read. On a side note I must also recommend the classic Walt Disney version of OLD YELLER (VHS or DVD). Young readers will enjoy the similarities and differences between novel and movie. It's an excellent example to build discussion or writing lessons involving comparisons or

contrasts. And while I have continually mentioned young readers I should also comment that OLD YELLER is a must-read for people of any age group. So the next time you need to be entertained by a great novel, pick up this classic.

This heart-warming book is about Old Yeller, (Which mean 'Yellow' in those days) a stray golden-brown dog which Travis' little brother (Little Arliss) finds. Travis hates the dog, who they named 'Old Yeller', until Old Yeller saves Travis' life. Soon they are best buddies, but the fate that is awaiting at the end brings them apart. This book is perfect for ages 7 and up, and is a terrific day-to-day read. This has 16 exciting chapters for either read aloud or silent reading. If your lookin' for a book to read, It's Old Yeller.

Old Yeller is the beautiful, touching story of a boy and his big "yeller" dog. When Travis's father goes on a cattle drive, Travis takes over the farm. He takes on a big task and is furious to find a big, one-eared, yellow dog eats thier meat, plays in their drinking water, and runs away when his family is in dire need of help. But Old Yeller proves himself when he saves Travis's little brother, Arliss, from a mad mother bear. I loved reading Old Yeller because the story became real. I love dogs and it was amazing how detailed the story was. It was touching to read about how close Travis and Old Yeller were brought together. Old Yeller is a classic novel everyone can read. Fred Gipson tells about the love and loyalty the characters possess for one another. I highly recommend this touching story that filled me with emotion and made my day forever.

The story Old Yeller by Fred Gipson is a realistic fiction book. It tells about a fourteen year old boy named Travis who was left in charge of his family and the farm while his papa was away on a cattle drive. One day an old yeller dog shows up and steals some meat and wrecks the fence. At first Travis is ready to shoot the dog, but his little brother didn't let him. Travis really wanted a horse not a big ugly slick-haired yeller dog with a chewed off ear and a stub tail. Travis comes to love and depend on Old Yeller. They work together keeping up with the farm and watching out for raccoons in the corn patch. Old Yeller saves Travis from wild hogs. Can Travis do the same for his best friend? Read the story to find out. I enjoyed reading this book and I recommend it to anyone who is a dog lover. Also, this story proves that a dog is a man's best friend. Finally, the book Old Yeller taught me a lesson that you shouldn't judge things by the way they look.

What made me choose this book is the movie. I saw the movie and I really liked it so I thought the

book would be good too. What I thought the book would be about is a boy and his dog doing things together like hunting. I felt sad for Old Yeller, Travis, Arliss, and Ma because of what happened. The book was what I expected it to be. I still feel the same about the book. The main characters in the story are Old Yeller, Travis, Arliss, and Ma. It takes place in the late 1860's, in Birdsong Creek in the hills of Texas. When Pa goes away to Abiline, Kansas to give cattle to the market for money, while Travis, Arliss and Ma are left to take care of things. One night this old yeller dog ate some meat of theirs and Travis got real mad at him. Little Arliss wanted to keep him and he got to because Travis had a dog when he was younger. One day when Arliss gets into a dangerous situation with a bear Old Yeller saves him. After that Travis likes old Yeller better. Later they start doing things together and become best friends until one day changes it all. The type of book that this is is a historical fiction. These things could happen in real life but they didn't. The author of this book is Fred Gipson. I found the book exciting because of all the things that happen, like the bear attack, and I found it sweet too because Old Yeller would do anything to help and protect the family. I would recommend the book to other readers because it's a good book. The age group that I think is appropriate for this book is ages eight and up. If you like exciting books this is the one for you!

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